

REMARKS

Pending Claims

In the office action the examiner identifies Claims 1 - 15 and 20 - 24 as pending in the application. The applicant hereby draws the examiner's attention to Amendment A, previously filed by applicant, which withdrew Claims 4, 6-10, 12, 13 and 15 from the application. Therefore, Claims 1-3, 5, 11, 14, and 20-24 are pending in this application.

Drawings

In the Drawings, the Examiner objects to the same for failure to show the male quick disconnect and the female quick disconnect, features previously claimed in the application. Applicant submits that these features are not presently claimed in the pending claims of the application, and therefore are not required to be shown in the drawings. For this reason, applicant respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn by the Office. All other objections of the examiner to the drawings have been addressed in the amendments thereto, submitted herewith.

Specification

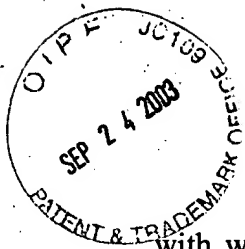
The objection of the examiner to the disclosure have been addressed in the amendments thereto, submitted herewith.

Claim Objections

The objection of the examiner to Claim 1 has been addressed in the amendment thereto, submitted herewith.

Claim Objections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

The examiner objects to Claims 5 and 20-24 as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or



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with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. This objection is addressed by the amended drawings and amended paragraphs 19, 21 and 29 of the specification. The amended language/drawings do not constitute prohibited "new matter" as the features shown and/or described were originally described in the claims, disclosure and/or drawings as originally submitted.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The examiner has objected to claims 1-3, 5, 11, 20, 21 and 23 as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102 by Richter et al. The applicant by this submission has amended the independent claims to more clearly describe his invention – namely, a bladder having internal pressurizing means to permit the pressurized expulsion of liquids or semi-liquids stored in the bladder. Richter et al. discloses means to inject and release compressed air to and from one end of its bladder during the manufacturing stage (see column 6, lines 35-44) to "at least partially predelaminate the inner layer." The injection and release of compressed air in Richter et al. is not used to pressurize the bladder so as to permit the pressurized expulsion of liquids or semi-liquids stored in the bladder. For this reason applicant believes that the claims as amended and presented by this submission are not anticipated by Richter et al. under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

The examiner has objected to claim 22 as being unpatentable over Richter et al under 35 U.S.C. § 103. The applicant submits that its amendments to the independent claims overcomes this rejection for the same reasons as stated above.

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